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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

Please consider this paper in response to the Office Action dated September 28, 2006.

Amendments to the Specification. There are no amendments to the specification.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.

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